



Sage-Grouse Distribution

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This native grouse is widely distributed in areas with large blocks of sagebrush habitat throughout southern Idaho. Sagebrush is a crucial winter food for sage-grouse and also provides them with nesting and roosting cover during the rest of the year. Wet places, including agricultural lands, are important feeding areas for hens with chicks and are heavily used by sage-grouse during the fall in dry years.

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Sage-Grouse Seasons and Rules 2008

Sage-grouse seasons open September 20

23-day season, two-bird limit:

- Southwestern Owyhee County.
- Most of the Upper Snake Region north of U.S. Highway 20.
- Lemhi County and part of Custer County.

Seven-day season, one-bird limit:

- Northwestern Owyhee County.
- Magic Valley and parts of Custer and Butte counties.
- Parts of Power, Oneida and Cassia counties.
- Big Desert area west of Interstate 15 and south of U.S. Highway 20.

Closed:

- Eastern Owyhee County.
- Southeastern part of the state, east of Interstate 15 and south of U.S. Highway 26.
- Washington and Adams counties.

Sage/Sharp-tailed Grouse Permit Validation: Any person hunting sage- or sharp-tailed grouse must have in possession a valid hunting license with a sage/sharp-tailed grouse permit validation at \$1.75.

Identify Your Target! Is it a sage-grouse or a sharp-tailed grouse?

Note: Sharp-tailed grouse have recently been introduced into historical range in southern Twin Falls County and southeastern Owyhee County. Twin Falls County, Owyhee County and most of Cassia County are closed to the hunting of sharp-tailed grouse. Sharp-tailed grouse also occur around Split Butte in Minidoka County. Hunting of sharp-tailed grouse is closed in Minidoka County. Be sure of your target!

See inside for details.

Refer to the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 Upland Game, Furbearer and Turkey Seasons and Rules for general upland gamebird rules, license and permit information.



Area Boundary Descriptions

Area 1

All parts of the state **NOT** included in Areas 2 and 3; **CLOSED**.

Area 2

Bannock County west of Interstate 15, Bingham County west of Interstate 15, Blaine County **EXCEPT** within the Salmon River drainage, Bonneville County west of Interstate 15 and south of U.S. Highway 20, Butte County **EXCEPT** south of State Highway 33 and north of U.S. Highway 20 and the Birch Creek drainage, Camas, Cassia, Custer County within the Big Lost River and Little Lost River drainages, Elmore County south and east of U.S. Highway 20 and north of Interstate 84, Jerome, Gooding, Lemhi County within the Little Lost River drainage, Lincoln, Minidoka, Oneida County **EXCEPT** east of Interstate 15, Owyhee County north of the Juniper Mountain/Mud Flat/Poison Creek roads and State Highway 78 to Grandview and the Snake River, Power County, and Twin Falls County.

2008 Season: Sept. 20 through Sept. 26

Daily Bag Limit: 1

Possession Limit After First Day of Season: 2

Area 3

Bonneville County north of U.S. Highway 20 west of Interstate 15 and north of U.S. Highway 26 east of Interstate 15, Bingham County north of U.S. Highway 20, Butte County south of State Highway 33 and north of U.S. Highway 20 and the Birch Creek drainage, Clark, Custer County **EXCEPT** the Big Lost River and Little Lost River drainages and within the Salmon River drainage upstream from and including Valley Creek, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi County **EXCEPT** within the Little Lost River drainage, Madison, Owyhee County south of the Juniper Mountain/Mud Flat/Poison Creek roads and State Highway 78 to Grandview and the Snake River and west of the Bruneau River, and Teton County.

2008 Season: Sept. 20 through Oct. 12

Daily Bag Limit: 2

Possession Limit After First Day of Season: 4

Wings collected from harvested birds provide important biological data. If you see a wing barrel, please deposit one wing from each bird you harvest. We also collect wings at check stations and through a mail-in wing survey.

